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On 11 January 1966 the Director briefed the CIA Subcommittee of the Senate Armed Services and Senate Appropriations Committees. Before the Director began his briefing, Senator Stuart Symington made a statement regarding his impressions of Agency personnel he met during his recent trip to the Near and Far East. He mentioned by name all of our Chiefs of Station in the areas he visited and stated that they were truly outstanding people who knew well their areas and their jobs. Senator Symington also stated that he had heard uniformly that the Agency was doing a very competent job and was coordinating its activities fully with other U. S. programs. Senator Milton Young, who made a similar trip a year ago, affirmed this view. Both Senators Symington and Young said that CIA officers abroad stand out as a group because they are the most intelligent, the most knowledgeable, and the most personable.

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